

March 30, 1990

LB 662, 662A, 663, 663A, 678, 678A, 688

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...bitter exchanges, we're going to have some discussion of issues in a very serious, solemn and even gloomy fashion but there will be other times when because human nature is not static, it is not uniform in its manifestations over a long period of time, there will be some lightheartedness, there will be some frivolity but we know that underlying all of that is a deadly, serious and bitterly fought issue which has been before us the past session of the Legislature, earlier this session and obviously is going to be with us until the end which also will be bitter. I propose in the same way that those who are offering their amendment, to use the rules to get their amendment onto a bill and jump from General File to Final Reading and I applaud them for their cleverness. They have learned.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to use the rules to defeat them if that is possible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LB 662, LB 662A, LB 663 and LB 663A, LB 678 and LB 678A. (See page 1751 of the Legislative Journal.) Additional discussion on the motion to return the bill, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I know we're discussing an amendment but I think what we're really talking about is a process and a procedure. We're trying to amend LB 688 and LB 688 is Senator Lindsay's bill, but I've spent an awful lot of time and my staff have spent an awful lot of time trying to work out this piece of legislation. Senator Byars is talking to Senator Lindsay right now because Senator Byars has a certain interest in this measure as well. We have got a problem that we're trying to address with LB 688. It's a problem that is acute. We've got lawsuits filed, we've got to deal with this. It's statewide. It's a concern that have many people up in arms. What is symbolizes though beyond that specific problem is how our time spent on this whole abortion debate and the filibustering that has been going on directly or indirectly have lost opportunities to address real issues affecting real people, and every time we lose a minute or an hour or a day or days, we lose opportunities to help solve problems that people have in this state and we've got literally hundreds of bills pending on